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# News Release



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## **Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge Announces Fee-Free Weekend In Honor of U.S. Veterans and Armed Forces**

Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge will offer a fee-free weekend from Saturday, November 10 through Monday, November 12, to honor veterans and members of the armed forces. All day-use entrance fees will be waived to the east entrance southwest of Folkston and the west entrance at Stephen C. Foster State Park.

On the east side of the refuge, over the Veterans Day weekend there will be a photo workshop on Saturday and Sunday. Call the visitor center at (912) 496-7836 to register for the workshop or for more information. Tours, canoe and kayak rentals from Okefenokee Adventures are excellent ways to explore the swamp this time of year. Wilderness campsites are all booked for Saturday; there are still plenty of sites open for Sunday night. To make reservations call (912) 496-3331 between 7 and 10 a.m., Monday through Friday.

On the west side of the refuge, Stephen C. Foster State Park rangers are offering a morning boat tour to Billys Island at 10 a.m. on Saturday and a sunset tour on Billy's Lake every day from 6-8 p.m. Call (912) 637-5274 for details. Fees for camping at Stephen C. Foster State Park and specialized services, including boat tours, will not be waived.

At the north end of the refuge, Okefenokee Swamp Park, a private non-profit organization, has wildlife shows, boat and train tours over the weekend. Call (912) 283-0583 for more information.

The east entrance is located about 7 miles southwest of Folkston, Georgia, off Highway 121. The west entrance is located outside of Fargo, Georgia on Highway 177. Okefenokee Swamp Park is located south of Waycross, Georgia off U.S. Highway 1. For more information, please contact the visitor center at 912-496-7836.

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